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FORUM ON THE ATOMIC BOMBS dropped on Aug. 6th and 9th, 1945

On this 70th Anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, bringing a dramatic end to WWII, an opportunity is presented for Japanese Americans to review, reflect and voice their thoughts on the historic events. Most have been silent on this issue in the past.

For Japanese Americans who were incarcerated in camps, the dropping of the atomic bombs brought a sudden end to a world war that had torn up their lives. Many families had relatives in the Hiroshima and Nagasaki areas, so news of the Atomic bombings role in Japan's surrender brought mixed blessings to families still in the camps.

When & Where: 2PM, Sunday Aug. 2nd at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center at 12953 Branford St., Pacoima, CA.

The Shadows of Peace organization, Richard Fukuhara and Robert Horsting, are co-sponsors of this forum and art exhibit.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT. Junior High and Senior High school students are especially encouraged to attend this rare opportunity to learn about this important historical milestone!

The following questions will be explored: Why was the bomb dropped? Was it necessary? Was the second bomb really necessary? What were the public attitudes against the Japanese people at that time? What was the immediate and ongoing impact?

Hiroshima Hibakusha (Atomic bomb survivor) Mr. Wataru Namba will share his personal experiences. Additional recorded accounts from Nagasaki and Hiroshima survivors will be heard.

Video interview shown of Dr. James Yamazaki, assigned Physician-in-Charge of the United States Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Nagasaki in 1949.

The keynote speaker will be Mr. John B. Cobb, the most prominent theologian, philosopher and ethicist in North America! He was born in Japan to missionary parents, left for the US at age 15 in 1940, and later returned while in the military during the occupation of Japan. He has written more than 50 books, and has received 6 honorary doctorates.

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